

**Dundee and District Table Tennis Association (Registered charity no. SC045977)**

**Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held in WRG at 7:15pm on 10/8/21**

**Present:** Arthur Pritchard, Chair; David Sim, Vice-chair; Elaine Forbes, Secretary; Dave Beveridge, Treasurer; Andy Hughes, Match Secretary; Emma Bissett; Callum Riddoch; Stuart Halliday.

**1 Welcome**

Arthur welcomed everyone, noting that it was good to be meeting to discuss firm plans for the return of competitive play.

**2 Matters Arising**

It was agreed that there was nothing 'stand alone' in this category which will not be covered in the items to follow.

**3. New Season**

a) League and Cup play

With entries having been received from 21 teams, the proposal to divide these into three divisions was discussed and passed unanimously since it was agreed that it had many merits to commend it.

The allocation of teams to divisions was then discussed and agreed.

These decisions will be relayed to the membership by way of a TT365 email.

**Action DB/AP**

It was agreed that any late applications for additional teams to join in league play will be considered on individual merits, but that there could be no change to the cup draws which were duly made.

b) Competition Dates

Arthur will liaise with WRG Directors to book the following dates if possible :

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December : Semis and Finals of Excelsior Cup, Secondary Shield and Consolation Cup

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January : Youth Closed Championships

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January : Lower Divisions Championships and Fowler Handicap

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February : Closed Championships

**Action: AP**

On the Treasurer's recommendation, it was agreed there would be no entry fees for any of these events this season.

#### **d) Handbook update**

Dave reported that as much as possible was in hand and that following tonight's meeting he would be able to press ahead with the pages outstanding following liaison with the Match Secretary and Derek J.

It was noted that once again DDTA is indebted to Derek for his expertise and time in making the necessary changes to software to accommodate an 8-team matrix.

A variety of MC members volunteered to proof read handbook pages before Dave passes the final version to the printers.

**Action: DB**

#### **4. WRG Practice Nights**

Tuesday evenings 7.00 to 9.00 until 24<sup>th</sup> August. Mylnefield from 31<sup>st</sup>.

Monday evenings 7.00 to 9.00 pm from 30<sup>th</sup> August

Thursday evenings 6.00 to 8.00pm : Junior Development Squad from 19<sup>th</sup> August

As the JDS will not require full hall, league players and new starts will also be welcome on Thursdays.

Notification of the above will be included in TT365 email to the membership and Arthur will contact members of the JDS and liaise with WRG directors re bookings.

**Action : AP & DB**

#### **5. Coaching and Development Plan**

Having spent considerable time on this, Callum reported that it is now ready to distribute to members of the MC, which he will do in the next 48 hours to invite input.

**Action : CR**

In thanking Callum for his work, Arthur stressed how important the implementation of a workable and sustainable plan is to the future of DDTA and to this end, the next meeting of the MC will focus on this topic.

#### **6. Scottish National League**

Callum has been successful in contacting enough players to ensure that we shall be able to continue with three teams and he now awaits contact from the SNL secretary for registration details.

#### **7. AOCB**

Arthur expressed particular thanks to Dave for all his work in receiving team and player registrations and presenting this information for MC discussion and updating records for DDTA and TTS in addition to his work on the handbook.

Andy gave formal notice that he would be standing down from his position as Match Secretary at the end of this season, wanting to give early warning so that we could start to look for a possible replacement whom Andy would be very happy to train.

There was unanimous agreement when the Treasurer suggested that, on completion of the work required to change to our new matrix, the MC should show its appreciation with the purchase of a voucher for Derek J.

It was agreed that, with the fall in revenue because of the drop in membership, runners-up keepsakes will no longer be purchased with the exception of Junior events.

Elaine will contact Community players who have not been playing while numbers at sessions have been restricted over the past months to ascertain their future intentions.

**Action : EF**

To reprise the latest Covid communication from TTS, it was noted that there will no longer be the need to book practice slots or to play in 'bubbles', doubles play can return, clubs should continue to have a Covid Officer in place and must still keep a record of those attending each session in case this is required for Test and Protect. In general, we are all being advised to follow advice to remain as vigilant as possible as regards hygiene etc.

**8 Date of next meeting**

To be advised.